



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wu-Po Ma *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/577,304  
Filed: 05/24/00  
Entitled: Improved Enzymes For The Detection Of Specific Nucleic Acid Sequences

Group No: 1652  
Examiner: C. Patterson

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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claims 16, 17, 20-23, 45, 46, and 47.

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into 203 groups. Applicants note that the number of groups does not correspond to elements of the claims (there are not 203 distinct sequences that correspond to the Examiners groups) and that the restriction is improper as it attempts to restrict generic claims to elements found in dependent claims. However, this Restriction is rendered moot, as Applicants have canceled Claims 16, 17, 20-23, 45, 46, and 47. Applicants note that these are dependent claims and that the independent claims encompass the subject matter of the canceled dependent claims (i.e., Applicants have not surrendered any subject matter through the cancellation of the claims).